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Mandatory Registration of NGOs
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made it mandatory for all NGOs to register with NITI Aayog to receive grant-in-aid from Ministries/Departments of Government of India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of NGOs registered in the country so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has finalised any new devise to make the financial dealings to NGOs more transparent and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the existing practice of releasing instalments after receipt of utilisation certificate will continue or the Government is contemplating any role of the concerned State Government in certifying the actual work done by NGOs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
(a) Yes, Madam; it is mandatory now for all the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)/ Voluntary Organisations (VOs) to sign up on the NGO-DARPAN Portal to obtain a system generated Unique ID before applying for grant under any scheme of the Central Government Departments/ Ministries.

(b) As on 24.11.2016 (10:45 am), a total of 81,353 NGOs/VOs have signed up on the NGO-DARPAN Portal. State-wise details are given at Annexure I. Out of the total, 17,061 NGOs/VOs have furnished their PAN details, state-wise break-up of which are given at Annexure II.

(c) In order to make the financial dealings with NGOs more transparent, inter alia, the following steps have been taken:
(i) NGO-DARPAN Portal has been redesigned with provision for unique identifier.
(ii) No financial grants to be disbursed to the NGOs during the current financial year without obtaining a Unique ID number generated from the NGO-DARPAN portal of NITI Aayog, including the cases where part grants had been released earlier.

(iii) Provision has been made in the portal to capture PAN details of each entity/NGO along-with PAN and Aadhar details of at least three of its office bearers. All fresh entities have to sign up on the portal with these details.
(iv) Ministries/Departments have been asked to develop IT applications for end-to-end processing of applications from the NGOs/VOs for sanction/ release of grants. All applications have to be processed in online mode only from after 31st March, 2017.
(d) & (e) Yes, Madam; the existing practice of NGOs/VOs to furnish Utilization Certificate (UC) of the grants received will continue as it is mandatory as per the provisions of General Financial Rules (GFRs). However in order to ensure greater accountability and transparency in the functioning of NGOs/VOs, the 'Common Guidelines for Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)/Central Sector (CS) Schemes through Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)' circulated in September, 2015, already stipulate that 'States need to be closely involved in recommending not only NGOs but also field supervision of the projects implemented by the NGOs. Recommendations of States should be obtained every third year for Established Voluntary Agencies (EVAs) who are in regular receipt of grant under any scheme'.